

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

**K. Horio, et al.**

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For: **Method And Apparatus For Analyzing A Base Sequence**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In the above-identified application, kindly amend the same as follows: